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Bean and Pulses Monthly Trade- May

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Report Highlights:

Myanmar exported 196,760 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in March 2014, up by 90 percent from a level in February and 58 percent as compared to a level in March 2013. Domestic wholesale prices for all beans and pulses firmed due to strong demand in both domestic and international markets, especially India.

General Information:

Trade:

Myanmar's bean and pulse exports are composed of two types of trade: official exports primarily through sea transportation and unofficial exports through land borders (mainly to India and China).

Official exports of beans and pulses totaled 142,999 MT in May which were up significantly from 98,558 Mt in April as a result of continuous shipments to India. Exports to India both officially and unofficially rose significantly in May due to concerns about dry conditions in India but also expected short supplies of winter pulses in lower Myanmar from the 2013-14 growing season. Trade sources forecast that pulse production may decrease 20-30 percent in FY 2013-14. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 62 percent of official exports in May followed by Toor Whole at 14 percent and Mung Bean at 13 percent. By country, India accounted for 67 percent of total official exports followed by Singapore at 6.7 percent, Vietnam and Indonesia at 4.3 percent respectively (Table 1).

Also, unofficial exports through land borders to India and China sharply increased in May to 24,242 MT as compared to 9,706 MT in April.

Market Situation

According to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Center in Yangon, and the domestic wholesale price for Matpe rose sharply reflecting increased demand from India from first week to third week of May. The price slightly decreased at the end of May but was still higher than in April. The price of Toor Whole remained the same level as in April due to slow demand from India; however, the price of Mung bean increased due to the attractive demand from China.

A domestic wholesale price for Matpe increased by 4.5 percent, for Mung bean by 2.8 percent and domestic wholesale price for Toor whole was stable in May.

Table 1 Official Export of Beans and Pulse by Types and Destination in May, 2014 (MT)

No	Designation	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
1	AUSTRALIA		38	72			110
2	AUSTRIA		240				240
3	BANGLADESH					452	452
4	BELGIUM		240				240
5	BRAZIL		106	188		181	475
6	BULGARIA					1,560	1,560
7	CANADA		5	13	21	3	42
8	CHINA	385	652	887	23	658	2,604
9	CUBA		125				125
10	GERMANY					46	46
11	GREECE		135	10		28	173
12	GUADELOUPE			24		24	48
13	HUNGARY			50			50
14	INDIA		71,038	2,310	18,628	4,007	95,983
15	INDONESIA		561	3,642	360	1,611	6,174
16	ITALY					23	23
17	JAPAN	1,852	408	96		167	2,524
18	JORDAN					5	5
19	KOREA	42	48	548		560	1,198
20	MALAYSIA		1,089	747	182	291	2,310
21	MAURITIUS			24			24
22	MEXICO			120		48	168
23	MOROCCO		175				175
24	NETHERLANDS			220		148	368
25	PAKISTAN		1,968	48		1,212	3,228
26	PHILIPPINES			125		24	149
27	POLAND			219		73	292
28	PORTUGAL					48	48
29	RUSSIA					72	72
30	SAUDI ARABIA			264		48	312
31	SINGAPORE		3,723	4,468	348	972	9,510
32	SRI LANKA			144			144
33	SWEDEN		141	183	5	65	393
34	SWITZERLAND		120	240		22	382
35	THAILAND		1,375	406		102	1,883
36	UKRAINE		24				24
37	UAE		3,557	185	648	78	4,468
38	UK			48			48
39	USA		158	190		184	532
40	VIETNAM	24	2,352	2,817		1,038	6,231
41	YEMEN					168	168
	TOTAL	2,303	88,279	18,286	20,215	13,916	142,999

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea, brown beans and various beans.

Table 2 Monthly Exports of Beans and Pulses in 2012-2014 (MT)

Month	2012	2013	2014		
	Non-border	Non-border	Non-border	Border	Total
January	92,621	105,240	75,197	8,942	84,139
February	141,008	107,369	90,314	13,382	103,696
March	158,944	124,895	170,803	25,957	196,760
April	98,910	84,278	88,852	9,706	98,558
May	209,040	85,802	142,999	24,242	167,241
June	155,490	82,257			
July	267,010	90,434			
August	71,098	83,030			
September	79,215	71,274			
October	110,498	125,893			
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
Total	1,586,271	1,122,135	568,165	82,229	650,394

Source: Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

Note: exchange rate in May, US\$ 1.0 = 966 Kyat

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